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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/796,963	<b>Applicant(s)</b> ARAI ET AL.	
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Date of Interview: 4/5/05.

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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 21-23.

Identification of prior art discussed: Iwata et al (US PG-Pub 2004/0115883).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants argued that the invention is an improvement of Iwata and proposed amending claims 1 and 21-23 to distinguish it from the prior art; Examiner will reconsider upon receiving formal response.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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